

BOARD COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE AND COURT RELATIONS CHARTER

(Adopted by the Board of Governors, April 1, 2000)

§1. Areas of Responsibility

a. The Board Committee on Legislative and Court Relations (and successors thereto) shall review and make recommendations to the full board on all matters proposing board action regarding legislation, court rules and court procedures, both state and federal. Following is a list of many of the activities performed by the committee:

(1) Conference of Delegates: Monitor and evaluate the exercise of authority granted the Conference of Delegates to sponsor legislative proposals in its own name; insure that no such exercise conflicts with board policy; it shall review the Conference Legislative Program both prior to its adoption and from time to time thereafter and shall make such recommendations to the board as it deems appropriate.

(2) Legislative activities of sections and committees: Monitor, evaluate and oversee the legislative activities of State Bar sections and committees both as to affirmative legislative proposals and bills introduced by others.

(3) Changes in the law of court rules and procedures: Review all reports of State Bar sections and committees recommending board action regarding proposals, other than conference resolutions, for changes in the law or court rules and procedures and shall make appropriate recommendations for board action.

(4) State Bar Legislative Representative: Exercise responsibility for the activities of the State Bar Legislative Representative.

(5) Review of legislative policies: Continuously review State Bar legislative policies and make recommendations to the board for changes as appropriate; approve, publish and evaluate procedures applicable to all State Bar entities implementing such policies.

(6) Court improvement activities: provide informed input to the Board of Governors on court improvement issues; and monitor, evaluate and oversee the court improvement activities of State Bar sections and committees.

b. Where a State Bar position or action on a particular matter within the responsibility of the board committee.. and upon which the board has not taken a position, must be adopted before the committee's recommendation can be acted on by the board, the committee's recommendation shall be the action of the Board of Governors provided:

(1) The committee by a majority vote of its members specifically determines this should be done, and

(2) Each member of the Board of Governors is immediately informed in writing of the action. Such action shall be reviewed by the full board at its next regular meeting.

c. Where the board has taken a position regarding a legislative proposal or change in court rule or procedure, the board committee or its designee may agree to changes in such proposal so long as such action is in furtherance of the board's position previously adopted.